



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : February 21, 1992
 ALBERTO COMBEAU : Group Art Unit 347 ✓
 Serial No.: 07/630,986 : Examiner J. Fox
 Filed: December 24, 1990 :
 For: VALVES FOR FLUID PASSAGE :

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
 and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 30, 1991, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-15 without prejudice and add the following claims.

16. A fluid valve, comprising:

- a) a body having a chamber and an inlet opening and an outlet opening communicating with said chamber;
- b) a plug being disposed within said chamber, said plug being rotatable within said chamber about an axis between a closed position and an open position;
- c) said plug including a passageway communicating with said inlet opening and said outlet opening when said plug is in said open position, thereby providing a flowpath for the fluid through said valve;
- d) said inlet opening, said outlet opening and said passageway being disposed along a straight axis when said plug is in said open position;
- e) first seal disposed between said body and said plug;